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HISTORY OF CALVARY METHODIST  
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# History of Calvary Methodist Church

1894 - 1944

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A Community Church  
A Spiritual Fellowship  
A Historic Faith

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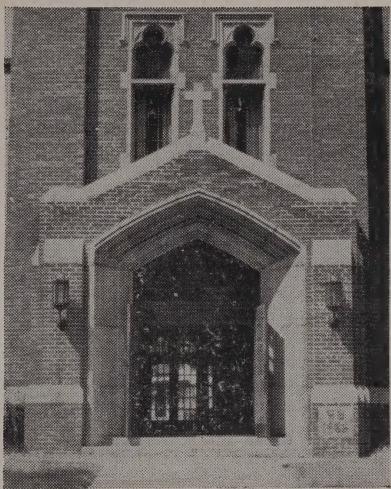
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Golden Jubilee  
Jackson, Michigan  
October 7 - 15, 1944





Open  
to greet all who would  
worship here



Rev. John O. Hagans, A. B., B. D.  
Minister

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Rev. Spencer, B. Owens, D. D.  
District Superintendent

Bishop Raymond J. Wade, D. D., L. L. D.  
Area Superintendent

History of  
Calvary Methodist Church  
Jackson, Michigan  
From 1894 to 1944

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**Program of Golden Jubilee Week  
October 8th to 15th, 1944**

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This booklet is lovingly dedicated to our children  
and their children, on whose shoulders rests  
the future of our church.

Edited by Stephen B. Cook

**PROGRAM FOR ANNIVERSARY WEEK**

**Sunday, October 8, 1944**

10:00 A. M. Church School, Mr. Howard F. Andrews, General Superintendent.

11:00 A. M. Divine Worship, Guest Minister Dr. Frederick S. Goodrich, Chaplain Albion College. Subject, "The Perfect Church."

6:30 P. M. Methodist Youth Fellowship.

**Wednesday, October 11, 1944**

7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting.

**Friday, October 13, 1944**

6:30 P. M. Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet  
Toastmaster, Mr. J. H. Foote.

Invocation, Dr. King D. Beach, Minister First  
Methodist Church, Jackson, Mich.

Banquet, served by the Women's Society of Chris-  
tian Service.

Solo, Mr. Edward Larson.

Address of Welcome, Rev. John O. Hagans.

Quartet, Mr. Edward Larson, Mr. Rolland Lang,  
Mr. Don Ford, Mr. Arthur Stage.

Address, "You Can Count On That," Dr. C. A.  
McPheeeters, Minister Metropolitan Methodist  
Church, Detroit.

Benediction, Dr. Spencer B. Owens, Superintendent  
Albion-Lansing District.

**Sunday, October 15, 1944**

10:00 A. M. Church School.

11:00 A. M. Divine Worship, Guest Minister, Rev. R. B. Spur-  
lock, Superintendent, Kalamazoo District.  
Subject, "For Such a Time As This."

7:30 P. M. Fiftieth Anniversary Pageant, directed by Miss  
Luella C. Rackley, written by Mr. Wesley  
Avins and Miss Rackley.

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Mr. Arthur Stage, Choirmaster

Mrs. Earl Hunt, Organist

Mr. Arthur Morehouse, Head Usher

# History of Calvary Methodist Church

## THE BEGINNING

In October, 1892, Robert Way secured, by means of a house-to-house canvass, the promise of some 40 people to support a Sunday school on "Moody Hill."

These earnest Christian people felt the need of a Sunday school in the northwest part of the city, and after consideration and some work, they met together on November 6, 1892, and with a man filled with true missionary zeal, in the person of George Dimond, a Sunday school was organized, with Levi Decker as superintendent, H. A. White as secretary and Robert Way, treasurer. The services first were held in the old Carey store, still standing at the corner of Lansing Avenue and North Street, and also for a time in what was known as O'Halloran's Hall, which was used for dances during the week and religious services on Sunday.

Regular prayer meetings were soon held, quickly followed by preaching services, at which many were converted. Mr. Dimond served faithfully for a year and then the Lansing Avenue Mission, as it was then called, was supplied by John C. Jewell, A. B. Bolton, W. E. Marvin and C. H. Perrin.

On October 11, 1893, the Ladies' Aid Society was organized with the following officers: Mrs. Pluma Tarbell, President; Mrs. D. F. Fletcher, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Orissa Ide, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Ella M. Allen, Chaplain, Mrs. Julia Allen, Secretary; Miss Mattie Tarbell, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Mary A. White, Treasurer.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was also organized October 11, 1893, with eleven charter members. Early officers were: Mrs. S. Weirsma, Mrs. Julia Allen, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Mrs. Winchester, Mrs. Martha Richards, Mrs. D. H. Fletcher, Mrs. Harriet Stevens.

Early in 1894, Rev. Ralph Newman, a senior student at Albion College, supplied the mission until the Michigan Annual Conference convened. In September, Rev. Edgar C. Tullar was appointed pastor, and the Church was formally organized October 13 by Rev. John Graham, District Superintendent of Albion District. About sixty people were received into membership.

## EARLIEST OFFICERS

The first church officers were as follows:

Stewards: T. G. Hunt, A. Bendle, Robert Way, W. D. Allen, S. Lincoln, A. J. Allen, Joseph Robinson.

Sunday School Superintendent: Thos. G. Hunt.

Class Leaders: Joseph Holgate, Harriett Stevens.

President of Epworth League: Miss Nellie Allen.

President of Ladies' Aid Society: Mrs. Ella M. Allen.

President of W. F. M. S.: Mrs. Nancy Brown.



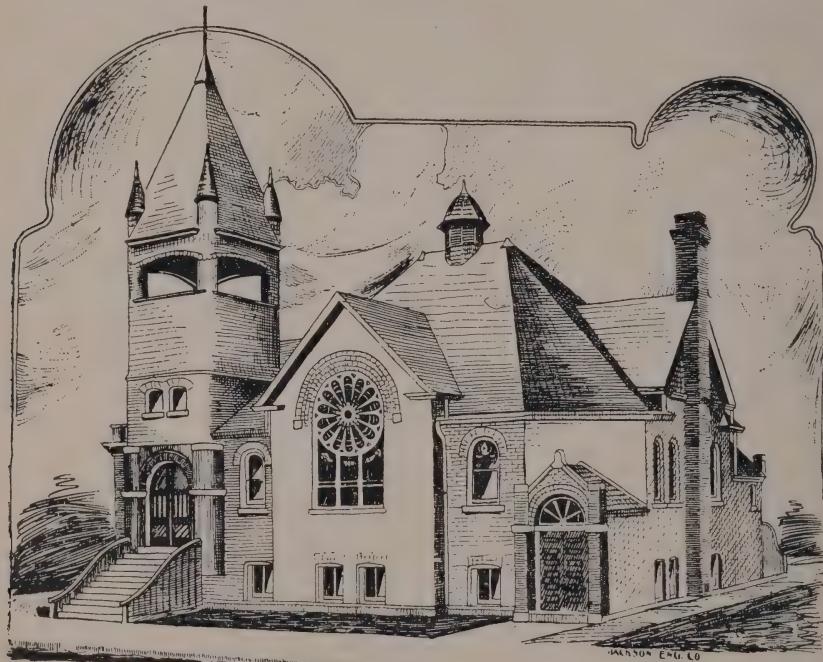
THE OLD CAREY STORE

The need of the church for better quarters was brought to the attention of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stiles, members of First Methodist Church by their Pastor, Rev. M. M. Callen. In memory of their recently deceased daughter, they made such a substantial contribution as to make possible the erection of a church building at the corner of Lansing and Steward Avenues. The church was named in honor of their daughter, Ida, The Ida F. Stiles Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church.

A building committee was appointed, consisting of M. M. Gilbert, Jay Campbell and Wm. D. Allen, who secured plans of Architect Clare Allen.

October 27th, Epworth League, Chapter No. 13536, was organized, with a charter membership of twenty-six.

Work on the church was begun November 1, 1894, and on April 7th and 8th, 1895, the cornerstone was laid with imposing ceremonies, consisting of a sermon by Bishop W. X. Ninde at First M. E. Church and addresses by pastors of churches of the city. The building was completed about the middle of November, 1895, and was dedicated by Bishop Ninde December 1. The success of the enterprise was due, in a large measure, to the energetic leadership of Rev. Tullar.



#### THE IDA STILES MEMORIAL CHURCH

In September, 1897, Rev. Tullar was succeeded by Rev. E. A. Armstrong, during whose pastorate the basement of the church was finished and the parsonage erected. Material aid at this time was given by the Stiles family.

Mr. Armstrong was followed in 1899 by Rev. A. D. Newton, who was succeeded in 1900 by Rev. J. W. Vickers. While Mr. Vickers was in charge, the bell was bought and placed in the belfry. This same bell rings every Sunday in the tower of Calvary Church.

Rev. A. F. Nagler served the church efficiently from 1904 to 1908. Rev. C. S. Wheeler was next appointed pastor and during his three years of service until 1911, the parsonage furnace was installed, new pulpit furniture purchased, and other improvements made.

Rev. Geo. S. Robinson assumed pastorate which was to continue for nine years. Under his direction, the church building was enlarged and modernized, the work being completed in 1915. The new addition provided four new classrooms, which could be opened into the auditorium by means of folding doors, one of these rooms being for the exclusive use of the choir.



THE IDA STILES CHURCH REMODELED

The steps leading up to the main entrance of the auditorium were from a vestibule, with all the steps being enclosed, a much needed improvement over the old entrance. This new arrangement added four classrooms in the basement and enlarged the kitchen, which was given new equipment. A new pipe organ was installed, which added greatly to the beauty and completeness of the church. Too much cannot be said regarding Rev. Robinson, whose untiring energy and business ability made possible the expansion of the membership and church building at that time.

The following account was in the local press and is quoted:

"The choir members of the Ida Stiles M. E. Church held a novel rehearsal on Vandercook Lake last evening when the steamer Emmons, a passenger boat plying from Hague Park dock about the lake, was chartered for a three-hours trip.

About fifty boarded the boat at 7:30 and the sweet voices of the singers as the boat moved out over the water was at once impressive and beautiful. Several stops were made while the choristers practiced the Sunday service. About 10 o'clock, the party landed at Hague Park, where light refreshments were served. Honor guests at the event were Rev. G. S. Robinson and wife. Such a fine time was enjoyed last night, the choir is seriously contemplating these lake rehearsals as a permanent feature. The affair was planned by Silas Barkalow.

#### PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH HOME

In September, 1920, Rev. L. T. Robinson assumed charge. His efficient leadership soon created a diversity of activities and interest, which caused the old church building and equipment to be wholly inadequate. In March, 1924, \$22,500 was subscribed towards the new church enterprise. On January 1, 1926, the Townley property, consisting of a frontage of

291 feet on Lansing Avenue and Clinton Road, was purchased for the site of the proposed church.

In January, 1927, plans were laid for the new church financial drive to be held in May. Under the leadership of H. A. White as general chairman, the campaign started May 13th. Associate chairman was W. F. Dinius, George A. White treasurer, and L. T. Robinson, minister. The Men's Division was headed by W. D. Hunt, Hazel Abbot and George F. Lubahn. The Ladies' Division was led by Mrs. H. A. White, Mrs. George Lubahn and Mrs. B. E. Miles. On May 20th the campaign to raise \$60,000 was successfully completed.

### GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES

Sunday morning, July 29, 1928, following the regular service at the outgrown church at Lansing and Steward, the congregation marched to the new site on Lansing and Clinton Road. A piano had been placed on the front porch of the former Townley residence, which was later to be moved and remodeled into the present parsonage. Fay Robinson acted as master of ceremonies and the program opened with a selection by the choir, "How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings." Rev. L. T. Robinson offered prayer. Then Gifford Cranor took charge of the ground breaking and presented the spade in turn to representatives of different organizations, who each turned over a piece of sod. Robert Way, one of the charter members, started the digging, followed by Eli. Miles, one of the trustees; Mrs. Fred Rogers, Sr., of the Ladies' Aid Society; Mrs. H. A. White of the W. F. M. S.; Charlotte White of the Epworth League, and Harold Coddington, superintendent of the Sunday school. Donald White then led in singing the doxology and Rev. John Chase, retired, pronounced the benediction. Rev. Robinson at the morning service had a sermon appropriate for the occasion. He described the spread of the Gospel and told what a church ought to be and do.

### CORNER STONE LAYING

The laying of the cornerstone of the new church took place November 11, 1928. Bishop Thomas Nicholson, D. D., of Detroit, was the speaker and was assisted in the service by District Superintendent Matthew W. Duffey and the pastor, Rev. L. T. Robinson.

A large gathering Sunday morning, May 5, 1929, and still larger in the evening, marked the farewell services held at the Ida Stiles Church, before taking possession of the new Calvary edifice. Dr. E. C. Tullar of Brooklyn, N. Y., the first pastor, who took part in the dedication of the church, was present to greet those whom he once knew as parishioners, and to all expressed his congratulations on the progress of the church organization. The affection in which Dr. Tullar was held was evidenced by the cordial welcome extended him by the congregation. A note of sadness crept into the services, however, as many realized it was the final church service in the church home. The services closed with the singing by the choir of a hymn used at the dedication 34 years before; also a song of farewell to the old church written by Miss Luella Rackley, was sung by Mrs. DeForest Sanford, and Mrs. Harold Coddington, accompanied by Miss Rackley on the piano.

In the morning service Dr. W. H. Phelps of Detroit, editor of the Christian Advocate, gave an address. In the week that followed, three week night meetings—pre-dedication services of worship, preparation and consecration; were held, with Rev. M. W. Duffey presiding and Dr. Phelps preaching.

### NEW CALVARY CHURCH

The new Calvary Church was formally dedicated May 12 by Bishop Thomas Nicholson, assisted by the District Superintendent, Rev. Matthew W. Duffey, and W. H. Phelps. Impressive services were held at ten o'clock in the morning.

Following the sermon, Bishop Nicholson conducted the ritual of dedication, assisted by Dr. John L. Seaton, Dr. William H. Phelps, Rev.

Matthew W. Duffey, superintendent of Albion District, Rev. Clark S. Wheeler and Rev. L. T. Robinson, pastor of Calvary Church. W. D. Hunt, chairman of the board of trustees, made the presentation of the edifice for dedication. Again at seven in the evening, services were held. This was followed by a full week of social and church activities.



THE NEW CALVARY CHURCH

An informal reception for former pastors of the church was held Monday evening in White Memorial chapel.

Young People's Night was observed on Tuesday evening, with a service of worship and consecration from 7 to 8 o'clock in the Senior Assembly Room and a recreational program from 8 to 10 o'clock in Melling Hall.

The formal dedication of Melling Hall on Wednesday evening was preceded by a banquet at 6:30 o'clock. Dr. W. W. Whitehouse, dean-elect of Albion College, was the speaker.

The dedication of the new organ in Melling Hall came Friday evening, with Donald White, of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., as the organist. Joseph Cleeland, of the School of Music of Albion College, and the Acappella Choir of Albion assisted in the program.

The dedicatory observances came to an end Sunday with three special services. Dr. Hugh Kennedy, secretary of the Detroit area, preached in the morning. A union service for the Methodist churches of the city was held in the evening, with Dr. Frederick Spence, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, delivering the address.

The presence of the Bishop was not only greatly appreciated, but the whole line-up was a fine example of how Methodism functions.

W. H. Phelps handled the raising of the money at both services and declared that he had never seen finer giving. Nearly \$40,000 was raised, while the hoped-for goal was \$48,000.

Eloquence is needed to describe the leadership of Pastor Robinson and his wife. Much of this task fell on him, for this church has no men of leisure. His reward is in the new parsonage, into which the Robinsons moved one week before dedication.

The loyalty and love of the White family will continue to be expressed in the beautiful White Memorial Chapel, named after the family.

A friend outside, in memory of his two children, gave a substantial gift to the church and his name will live in "Melling Hall." Robert Way, always on the job, was remembered in a bronze tablet, a reward for faithfulness.

The church in its new location has exceptionally ideal property in size and natural beauty, and the building has been designed to take full advantage of this natural beauty of the land with its high elevation, wonderful trees and interesting contours. The style of architecture is the English Gothic type.

The church was planned to be constructed in two distinct units, welded together by a stately tower, which joins the church auditorium proper and the three-story church house. The auditorium was not included in the present building program, but will be constructed at a later date.

The main tower entrance faces Lansing Avenue, and an additional entrance to the church house, with a wide corridor leading to the church auditorium, is provided on Backus Street.

The first wedding in the new church took place June 11, 1929. In the presence of just their immediate relatives, Miss Marjorie Davis and G. Bernard Billman spoke their marriage vows, with Rev. L. T. Robinson officiating.

In 1931, Rev. Robinson was succeeded by Dr. John S. Treddinick, who served as pastor until he died February 7, 1933. Dr. Frederick S. Goodrich was temporary pastor from January until Rev. James E. Bowker was appointed in May.

Calvary Church held a home-coming dinner November 24, 1933, of the eleven pastors who had officiated in the church up to this time. Seven were present. Speakers and musical numbers were introduced by Arthur Morehouse, who was chairman and toastmaster of the event. Rev. Tullar came from Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., to give the history of the 38 years of the church since its beginning.

In 1935, Rev. Floyd E. George became pastor. During his pastorate the Men's Community Club was organized. Harold Foote was the first president and, for about four years, this club was very active in the social, recreational, educational and religious interests in the city.

In June, 1937, Rev. Raymond B. Spurlock became our pastor, this being the first year that conference had been changed from September. Through the leadership of this energetic pastor, numerous accomplishments were made during his four years with us.

### **"SAVE THE SANCTUARY CRUSADE"**

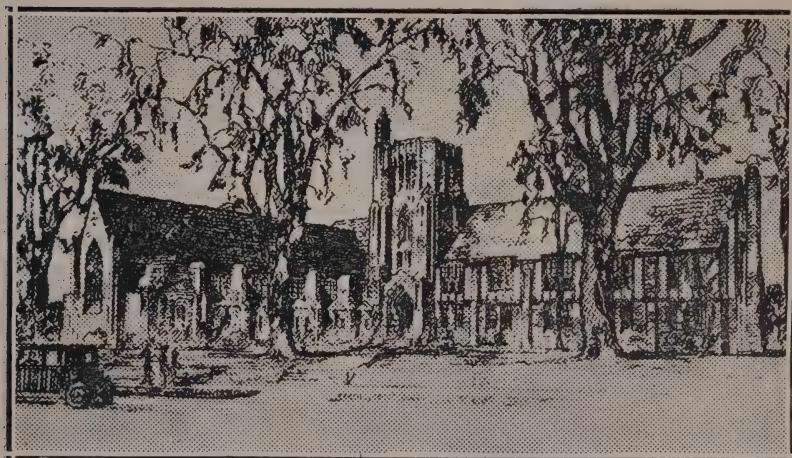
The depression hit Jackson harder than it did most cities of its size. The church debt that had looked so easy in 1927 was a very serious problem. Through the efforts of Rev. Spurlock, who saw that this debt was holding back our church, a refinancing crusade was launched in January, 1939. Dr. V. E. Turner of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, was sent to direct our efforts. W. D. Hunt was chairman of the committee of six other members, being J. H. Foote, Mrs. Geo. White, George W. Deaver, Harold Coddington and Floyd Rhoad. By May 15, the greater portion of our debt was wiped out by successfully raising the \$13,500 in cash that had been the goal.

Numerous improvements were made in the church at this time. The rough plastered walls in the auditorium, halls and class rooms were painted, the floors sanded and refinished. The paint was furnished by the Ladies' Aid and the application by the men of the church, including the pastor. The new paint encouraged classes to further dress up their rooms by the addition of drapes.

The establishing of Loyalty Sunday began under Rev. Spurlock. A model replica of our church was built by Rev. John Chase, Fay Robinson and Homer Bretz. It is now our custom to have this replica at the altar on a Sunday morning early in May. The membership file past and drop their pledge for the coming year into the "church."

Rev. W. M. P. Jerrett became our pastor in 1941. In the fall of 1942, an evangelistic crusade was held and many calls were made. Through these calls and the efforts of Rev. Jerrett, many members were added to the church roll during his pastorate.

In June of this year, Rev. John O. Hagans became our pastor.



THE CALVARY CHURCH OF THE FUTURE

### THE FUTURE

For centuries, true Christianity has proved itself to be the most satisfying expression of life. It unifies and strengthens all other values. It changes and lifts life out of what is sordid and brutal and gives man an eternal goal and divine significance. Yet those who take Christianity sincerely are a small minority group. "Man has no time or strength for God. The world has crowded God out of life."

In the light of this situation, what is the future of the Church? Our religion is in mortal combat with the materialism and immorality of society. Will Christianity be vanquished by being ignored? No, Christ and His Church have survival value and power and will never be overcome by the darkness and evil of the world. Christians may continue to be a minority group and most certainly will have to carry heavy "crosses" in this earthly life; but the great-hearted, the stalwarts and the unselfish will always be attracted by the Cross! The present-day superficial and materialistic life may collapse through its wars or internal dissensions; or it may be spiritually reborn from within. In any event, it is clear that the unifying spiritual force of Christianity is needed to keep our inner life from prostration and society from complete disintegration.

Since the Christian Religion is in the very purpose of the universe, it is unthinkable that it should fail. Christianity will survive. Calvary Church will survive, and from its favorable location in this important city will be offering Christ to the people for many, many years to come. So may it be, in the Faith and Spirit of Christ who gives us the victory that overcomes the world!

JOHN O. HAGANS, Minister.

## OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH FOR 1944-'45

**Pastor**—Rev. John O. Hagans.

**President of Official Board**—Harold Foote.

**Secretary**—Mrs. Irwin Brockie.

**Treasurer**—Carl Soderbeck.

### Stewards:

Edward S. Alger	Mrs. W. D. Hunt	Miss Betty Sanford
Howard F. Andrews	Mrs. Chas. Jefferies	Carl W. Soderbeck
Mrs. R. E. Ayres	George F. Lubahn	Mrs. Carl W. Soderbeck
Miss Phyllis Booth	Mrs. Geo. Lubahn	Dorothy Vanderberg
Clarence Brockie	Mrs. William Maxson	Fred Walters
Mrs. Clarence Brockie	B. E. Miles	Miss Rose Alcie Way
W. R. Brownlee	Mrs. B. E. Miles	George A. White
Mrs. W. F. Dinius	Walter Raguse	Mrs. Geo. A. White
Mrs. Harold Foote	Mrs. Walter Raguse	Mrs. H. Arthur White
Miss Luthera Goodale	P. F. Robinson	Roger White
Mrs. C. E. Hunt	Mrs. P. F. Robinson	Wendell W. Whitney
	Mrs. Leon L. Roode	

### Trustees:

Harold Coddington	Irving Fitzpatrick	W. D. Hunt
Stephen B. Cook	Harold Foote	Mr. Winn Powers
George W. Deaver	A. B. Gill	H. Arthur White

**Church School Superintendent**—Howard F. Andrews.

**President of W. S. C. S.**—Mrs. R. E. Ayres.

**Reserve Lay Members of Conference**—Harold Coddington, Harold Foote.

**President of Methodist Youth Fellowship**—Miss Ruth Cooley.

**Communion Steward**—Mrs. Chas. Jefferies.

**World Service Treasurer**—M. E. Milles.

**Resident District Steward**—Arthur Morehouse.

**District Steward**—Winn Powers.

**Lay Leader**—W. R. Brownlee.

**Assistant Lay Leader**—P. F. Robinson.

**Building Fund Treasurer**—George A. White.

**Recording Steward**—H. Arthur White.

**Current Expense Treasurer**—Roger White.

**Membership Committee**—Mrs. W. D. Hunt, Chairman.

**Finance Committee**—H. Arthur White, Chairman.

**Pastoral Relations Committee**—Carl W. Soderbeck, Chairman.

**Church Board of Education**—Rev. John O. Hagans, Minister-Chairman.

**Evangelism Committee**—Andrew Ball, Chairman.

**Temperance Committee**—Mrs. Winn Powers, Chairman.

**Music Committee**—H. Arthur White, Chairman.

**Church Building Operating and Housekeeping Committee**—Mrs. William Maxson, Chairman.

**Church Plant Operating and Maintenance Committee**—George F. Lubahn, Chairman.

**Usher Committee**—Arthur Morehouse, Chairman.

**Bulletins Committee**—Mrs. W. D. Hunt, Chairman.

**Sponsors of Junior Fellowship**—Mrs. Walter Raguse, Chairman.

**Sponsors of Youth Fellowship**—Miss Dorothy Vanderberg, Chairman.

LIST OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH  
IS AS FOLLOWS:

Edgar C. Tullar.....	1894-1897	Deceased
Edward A. Armstrong.....	1897-1899	Retired
A. D. Newton.....	1899-1900	Deceased March 23, 1916
John W. Vickers.....	1900-1904	Retired
August T. Nagler .....	1904-1908	Retired
Clark S. Wheeler.....	1908-1911	Retired
George S. Robinson.....	1911-1920	Deceased January 20, 1935
Leroy T. Robinson.....	1920-1931	Deceased Sept. 29, 1944*
John S. Treddinick.....	1931-1933	Deceased February 7, 1933
Frederick S. Goodrich.....	Jan. 1933	
James E. Bowker.....	1933-1935	
Floyd E. George, Sr.....	1935-1937	
Raymond B. Spurlock.....	1937-1941	
W. M. P. Jerrett.....	1941-1944	
John O. Hagans.....	1944-	

\*Dr. Robinson was to have been our guest minister Sunday, October 15, 1944. At his funeral service in Central Methodist Church, Muskegon, October 2, Dr. D. Stanley Cooers said of him, "I say this with all candor, and I know whereof I speak, LeRoy T. Robinson was one of the finest ministers in American Methodism of my generation."



# He Maketh Wars to Cease Unto the Ends of the Earth. . . . Psalm 46

The prayers of our church are for the dawn of such a day. Twice our church life has been changed when war clouds settled over our land. Young people of our church have left us to loyally serve their country. In the foyer of our church you will see two "Honor Rolls." The one of the First World War contains forty-eight names. The Roll of the present conflict names the following men and women of our church:

## MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Abbey, Carlton	Hunter, Robert	Richards, William E.
Anderson, Russel	Hale, Nathan	Rowley, James
Anderson, Billie	Hardy, Raymond	Rosenbrook, James
Brunk, Raymond	Hardy, Richard A.	Ruhlandt, Walter
Bennett, Charles	Hicks, Lyndon F.	Smith, Claude J., Jr.
Brockie, Irwin	Harmon, Wayne J.	Smith, Paul
Barrus, Frank	Harmon, Glen G.	Smith, John
Baldwin, Lyle	Hunt, Elwood	Smith, Ford
Baldwin, Keith	Hunt, Norman	Smith, Edward E.
Bailey, Ray	Hunt, Winston	Steenbarger, Charles
Ball, Vivian	Hinkle, Leon D.	Shewfelt, William
Blaisdale, Dale	Hinkle, Hulbert Jack	Spooner, Willis
Brockie, Paul	Jayne, Charles	Sharpe, Maurice
Clark, Jack	Krenkel, Edward	Slaybaugh, Richard
Chase, Phillip	Kauitch, David	Snyder, Justin
Cushman, Robert	Keeler, William	Stringham, Arnold, Jr.
Clark, Richard W.	Kelly, Joseph R.	Soper, Ormond J.
Chamberlain, Nelson	Kautz, J. Howard	Small, Judd
Chamberlain, Gordon	Lawler, George	Stephens, Durnell
Causie, Wayne	Lubahn, Jack	Snyder, Wm. E.
Curtis, Wayne	Lightheart, Douglas	Snyder, Dale S.
Carpenter, Worth	LeeMaster, Robert	Tierney, Lester J.
Driscoll, Wayne	Matteson, Donald	Treadwell, Rex L.
Dianich, John	McLain, Robert	VanBuren, Myron
Dewey, Leland K.	Moore, Lillian	VanBuren, Martin
Estrey, Arthur	Mitchell, Marshall	Willbee, Charles W.
Field, Donald	Nicholson, Harry	Willbee, Richard S.
Flesher, Earl	Oertlin, Don	Whedon, Doris Jean
Foote, James H., Jr.	Oliver, William	Whedon, Dale A.
Freeland, Harold	Ordway, Joyce	Whedon, Paul L.
Gill, Melvin C.	Pickett, Clayton	Whitney, Raymond
Gill, Kenneth	Porter, Max	White, Richard
Gorham, Raymond	Porter, Richard	White, Harry
Herrington, Robert	Repasz, Franklin	Weiderwax, Richard
Herrington, Frank	Hunt, Maurice	Weiderwax, Orris

## EARLY NEW YEAR'S GREETING

January 1, 1895, Rev. Tullar gave to his members a small printed New Year's greeting. It is quoted here in its entirety because of its Christian message.

### "A Happy New Year

January 1, 1895

From the Pastor of the

Ida F. Stiles Memorial

M. E. Church

Jackson, Michigan

To the members and friends of the

Ida F. Stiles Memorial M. E. Church."

#### Greetings:

Standing by the grave of 1894 and by the cradle of 1895, I hail you with this New Year's greeting. We turn another leaf and time brings our record to a new page. As a friend, a brother, a pastor, I greet you with the question, "What shall this year record for you?" My prayer is, "May the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds thru Jesus Christ," and I assure that you will unite with me in petitioning that this may be a year of great blessings and of spiritual power.

Are you a regular attendant upon our services? Do you come occasionally? Have you no church home? To you, I would be, so far as my work will allow, all that the word pastor implies. With you I would hear your burdens, joy in all your rejoicings; sorrow with you in every affliction. But most of all, I would rouse you to every interest in nourishing and strengthening your own soul life and in leading you out into greater usefulness in the salvation of those around you. Our work at present is greatly hindered by having no place of our own in which to worship—no chance to engage in special work which we would all love to see going on. But I am grateful to God and to you for the progress that has been made.

Have you done all that you can to help along the enterprise? If so, then all you can do is to keep sweet while others do; patiently wait, faithfully pray, and in the near future, I hope we may be noted for the unity and deep spirituality of its members. Won't you help us make ours a social church? Greet each other and especially strangers with a warm handshake; find where strangers live; invite them to prayer and class meeting, and he who is thus made welcome will never forget the church whose members thus manifested the spirit of Christ.

Do not forget our Friday evening prayer meeting. The attendance has been good, but it ought to be better. Make no engagements for that evening. Do not come alone, but ask your neighbors to come with you. Give your sympathies, presence and prayers to Epworth League prayer meeting, which is held every Sunday evening, one hour before the preaching service.

If you have no other church home, come in with us. Come regularly. Come to our Sunday School. We need your presence, we need your help. I will not attempt to dictate how anyone shall give, but let me suggest that we all follow the scriptural rule: "Upon the first day of the week, let every man lay by him in store as God has prospered him."

Again I urge, "Come with us and we will do thee good." We can do nothing without you. Only Christ can save the world, but Christ alone cannot save it. He wants your help. Give yourself to Him and make this a glorious year because of your perfect consecration to Him and to His cause.

Be frank in letting me know how I can be of service to you. If you know of sick ones or strangers lately come among us, kindly let me know and I will visit them. If I see you each Sunday or at prayer meetings, do

not consider it a slight if I do not call upon you, although I shall do so whenever I can.

Asking your hearty cooperation in all of our work this year, I again wish you a Happy New Year—happy because it shall all be spent in the Master's service.

Faithfully your friend and pastor,

EDGAR C. TULLAR.

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### MR. ROBERT WAY'S ACCOUNT OF THE EARLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the spring of 1892, Robert Way and family moved from West Avenue to Backus Street. They were members of the First M. E. Church, but this location being some distance from that church, and as there seemed to be a need for a church or Sunday School in the locality, Mr. Way made a house-to-house canvass and secured the promise of some 40 people to help maintain and attend a Sunday School.

As the funds which would come from this source would not be sufficient and not wishing to run a chance of failure for lack of funds, some of the business men of the city were solicited and promised to give a certain sum per month to maintain a Sunday School until it was self-supporting or was abandoned.

The only available building in this locality was the brick building on the northwest corner of Lansing Avenue and North Street, known at that time as the Cary store.

John Cary, the man in charge of this building, was approached as to renting the building. He was in favor of renting it for a Sunday School, but said that he would have to get permission of the administrator, who was Rev. Father Buissey of the St. John's Roman Catholic Church of this city.

A few days later, Mrs. Cary advised Mr. Way that he could have the building.

The seats were made at the building by a number of the men who were helping with the Sunday School. The lumber for them was cut to size and partly donated by C. C. Lathrop, who ran a lumber mill and was a member of the First M. E. Church.

After a time, Mr. Cary advised the S. S. that he had leased the building for a saloon and the S. S. would have to move.

After holding meetings in a private home for a number of weeks, the O'Halloran Hall was secured for Thursday nights for prayer meeting and for Sunday services.

The hall was used two nights a week for dancing. This hall was used until the church at Lansing and Steward Avenue was ready for occupancy.

Rev. E. C. Tullar was appointed during the time that meetings were being held in private home. His first Sunday, the meeting was held at the home of Mr. Way. Seventy-two were present.

STRONG AND UNITEDLY, CALVARY SHALL STAND

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John O. Hagans

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1. STRONG AND U- NI- TED- LY, CAL- VARY SHALL STAND, LONG AND IN-  
2. LO, WHAT IN- TEG- RI- TY OUR FA- THERS HAD, WHAT GREAT HU-  
3. LEAD US TO CAL- VA- RY SA- VIOR DI- VINE, TEACH US THY

VI- TING- LY WITH HELP- ING HAND; TO WORK THE WORKS OF GRACE,  
MIL- I- TY, FOR SIN HOW SAD; TO FIND THE BLESS- ED LIFE,  
VIC- TO- BY OUR LIVES RE- FINE; PURGE US FROM EV- RY SIN

KEEP HERE A HO- LY PLACE WITH CHRIST TO MEET.  
SHUNN-ING ALL SIN AND STRIFE IN CHRIST THEY LIVED.  
LORD EN- TER WHOL- LY IN, WITH US A- BIDE. A- MEN.

This hymn written by Rev. John O. Hagans, pastor of  
Calvary Methodist Church of Jackson, Michigan in  
commemoration of Calvary Methodist Church's Fiftieth  
Anniversary October 13, 1944.







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